

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An online shopping server configured to communicate apparatus comprising: a communication circuit that communicates with a user's terminal and a terminal of an online shopping dealer, said user's terminal configured to store storing unrewritable identification information for identifying the user's terminal, ~~itself, said user's terminal reading~~ to read out said identification information, and ~~sending to send~~ said identification information and article information representing an article selected for purchase to said online shopping ~~server~~apparatus ~~when a user enters said article information, said online shopping server comprising: [;]]~~

~~a storage circuit~~ user database configured to store, ~~that stores~~ in advance, said identification information[[,]] and ~~stores in advance data indicative of~~ a name of the user and ~~data indicative of~~ a destination designated by said user both corresponding to said identification information;

a communication interface configured to receive ~~a receiving circuit connected to said communication circuit that receives~~ said article information and said identification information from said user's terminal and to send said article information and user information to the terminal of an online shopping dealer of the article selected for purchase; and

a controller configured to retrieve ~~a retrieving circuit connected to said receiving circuit and said storage circuit that retrieves said stored data from said user database~~ corresponding to said received identification information[[;]] ~~a producing~~

~~circuit connected to said retrieving circuit that produces the user's~~ and to produce user
information including for specifying said user's name of the user and said designation
destination designated by the user based on said identification information. ~~retrieved~~
data; and

~~a sending circuit connected to said communication circuit and said producing~~
~~circuit that sends said article information and said produced user's information to the~~
~~terminal of said online shopping dealer.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The online shopping apparatus according to
claim 1, further comprising:

a processor configured to calculate a sum of money charged to said user by
computing a computing circuit that obtains a charge of communication to said user's
terminal and adding a price of the article selected for purchase by said user; and

a storage unit configured to store a price storing circuit that stores data
representing prices of said articles ~~corresponding to the articles; and~~

~~a calculating circuit connected to said computing circuit and said price storing~~
~~circuit that adds the price of the article selected by said user to said communication~~
~~charge, and calculates a sum of money charged to said user.~~

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The online shopping server apparatus according
to claim 1, wherein ~~further comprising:~~

said communication interface ~~a confirmation receiving circuit connected to said communication circuit that~~ receives order confirmation information from the terminal of said online shopping dealer[[:]] and ~~a confirmation sending circuit connected to said communication circuit that~~ sends said order confirmation information to said user's terminal.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The online shopping server apparatus according to claim 1, wherein further comprising:

said communication interface is further configured to receive user inquiry information from ~~a shipping agent communication circuit that communicates with a~~ terminal of a shipping agent delivering the article to the user[[:]] and to send said user information, ~~being information for specifying said retrieved user's name and destination, and expressing said user's name and destination~~ expressed in [[the]] a form unrecognizable by said online shopping dealer and said shipping agent, to the terminal of said shipping agent in response to the reception of user inquiry information from said terminal of the shipping agent,

said terminal of the online shopping dealer sending said article information and said user information to said terminal of the shipping agent, said terminal of the shipping agent sending user inquiry information including said user information to said online shopping server apparatus for obtaining ~~inquiring~~ said ~~retrieved user's name of~~ the user and destination designated by said user; ~~and~~

~~a user information sending circuit connected to said shipping agent communication circuit that sends the data indicating the name of the user and specified by said user information as well as the data indicating the destination and specified by said user information to said terminal of the shipping agent in response to the reception of said user inquiry information.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The online shopping server apparatus according to claim 4, wherein further comprising:

said communication interface is further configured to receive a schedule
~~receiving circuit connected to said shipping agent communication circuit that receives~~
delivery schedule information from said terminal of the shipping agent[[:]] and to send
~~a schedule sending circuit connected to said communication circuit that sends said~~
delivery schedule information to said user's terminal.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An online shopping server apparatus configured to communicate comprising: ~~communication means for communicating~~ with a user's terminal and a terminal of an online shopping dealer, said user's terminal configured to store ~~storing~~ unrewritable identification information for identifying the user's terminal, ~~itself, said user's terminal reading~~ to read out said identification information, and ~~sending to send~~ said identification information and article information representing an article selected for purchase to said online shopping server, apparatus ~~when a user enters said article information;~~ said online shopping server comprising:

~~storage~~ means for storing, in advance, said identification information and ~~storing in advance data indicative of~~ a name of the user and ~~data indicative of a~~ destination designated by said user both corresponding to said identification information;

~~means for receiving means connected to said communication means for~~ receiving said article information and said identification information from said user's terminal;

~~retrieving means connected to said receiving means and said storage means for~~ retrieving ~~said stored data~~ from said means for storing corresponding to said received identification information;

~~producing means connected to said retrieving means for producing the user's~~ user information including for specifying said user's name of the user and said destination designated by said user designation based on said identification information ~~retrieved data~~; and

~~sending means connected to said communication means and said producing~~ ~~means~~ for sending said article information and said ~~produced user's~~ user information to the terminal of an said online shopping dealer of the article selected for purchase.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The online shopping server apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:

~~computing~~ means for obtaining a charge of communication to said user's terminal;

~~price storing means for storing data representing prices of said articles~~
~~corresponding to the articles; and~~

~~calculating means connected to said computing means and said price storing~~
~~means for calculating a sum of money charged to said user by adding the price of the~~
~~article selected by said user to said charge of communication charge and calculating a~~
~~sum of money charged to said user.~~

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The online shopping server apparatus according
to claim 6, further comprising:

~~confirmation receiving means connected to said communication means for~~
~~receiving order confirmation information from the terminal of said online shopping~~
~~dealer; and~~

~~confirmation sending means connected to said communication means for~~
~~sending said order confirmation information to said user's terminal.~~

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The online shopping server apparatus according
to claim 6, further comprising:

means for receiving user inquiry information from a terminal of a shipping
agent;

~~shipping agent communication means for communication with a terminal of a~~
~~shipping agent delivering the article to the user;~~

~~means for said user information being information for specifying said retrieved user's name and destination, and~~ expressing said user's name of the user and destination designated by the user in ~~[[the]]~~ a form unrecognizable by said online shopping dealer and said shipping agent; ~~and[[,]]~~

~~said terminal of the online shopping dealer sending said article information and said user information to said terminal of the shipping agent, said terminal of the shipping agent sending user inquiry information including said user information to said online shopping apparatus for inquiring said retrieved user's name and destination; and~~

~~user information sending means connected to said shipping agent~~
~~communication means for sending the data indicating the name of the user and specified by said user information in the form unrecognizable by said online shopping dealer and said shipping agent as well as the data indicating the destination and specified by said user information to said terminal of the shipping agent in response to the reception of said user inquiry information.~~

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The online shopping server apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:

~~schedule receiving means connected to said shipping agent communication~~
means for receiving delivery schedule information from said terminal of the shipping agent; and

~~schedule sending means connected to said communication~~ means for sending said delivery schedule information to said user's terminal.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An online shopping method for use by an online shopping server apparatus performing communication between a user's terminal and a terminal of an online shopping dealer, wherein said user's terminal is configured to store ~~stores~~ unrewritable identification information for identifying the user's terminal itself, ~~said user's terminal reads~~ to read out said identification information, and to send ~~sends~~ said identification information and article information representing an article selected for purchase to said online shopping server apparatus ~~when a user enters the article information,~~

said online shopping method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

storing data, preparing in advance, including said identification information, data representing a user's ~~and a name of the user and a destination designated by said user, both and corresponding to said identification information, and data representing a destination designated by said user and corresponding to said identification~~ information;

receiving said article information and said identification information from said user's terminal;

retrieving said data ~~stored~~ corresponding to said received identification information;

preparing user information including for specifying said user's name of the user and said destination designated by the user based on said identification information ~~retrieved data;~~ and

sending said article information and said ~~prepared~~ user information to the terminal of said online shopping dealer of the article for purchase.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The online shopping method ~~apparatus~~ according to claim 11, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:
obtaining ~~by calculation~~ a charge of communication ~~[[to]]~~ for said user's terminal;
preparing ~~data representing~~ prices of said articles ~~corresponding to the articles~~;
and
calculating a sum of money charged to said user by adding the price of the article selected by said user to said charge of communication ~~communication charge~~.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The online shopping method according to claim 11, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:
receiving order confirmation information from the terminal of said online shopping dealer; and
sending said order confirmation information to said user's terminal.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The online shopping method according to claim 11, further comprising: wherein
~~said online shopping apparatus further makes a communication with a terminal of a shipping agent delivering the article to the user,~~

receiving user inquiry information from a terminal of a shipping agent;
~~said user information is information for specifying said retrieved user's name~~
~~and destination, and~~
expressing said user's name of the user and said destination designated by the
user in ~~[[the]]~~ a form unrecognizable by said online shopping dealer and said shipping
agent; ~~and~~[[,]]
~~said terminal of the online shopping dealer sends said article information and~~
~~said user information to said terminal of the shipping agent, said terminal of the~~
~~shipping agent sends user inquiry information including said user information to said~~
~~online shopping apparatus for inquiring said retrieved user's name and destination; and~~
~~said online shopping method further comprises the step of~~
sending ~~the data indicating~~ said user information in the form unrecognizable by
said online shopping dealer and said shipping agent ~~the name of the user and specified~~
~~by said user information as well as the data indicating the destination and specified by~~
~~said user information~~ to said terminal of the shipping agent in response to receiving the
~~reception~~ of said user inquiry information.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The online shopping method according to
claim 14, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving delivery schedule information from said terminal of the shipping
agent; and

sending said delivery schedule information to said user's terminal.